

District V Advisory Board Minutes
March 6, 2017
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The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21 located at 2110 N. 135th St W., Wichita, KS 67235.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Angela Breer
 Jose Gutierrez
 Barby Jobe
 JV Johnston
 Jill Kerschen
 Trevor Kurth
 Roman Rodriguez
 Alissa Unruh
 Jackson Oxler, Youth Representative
 Council Member Bryan Frye

Members Absent

Ben Bradley
 Ben Kittrell
 Troy Palmer

Staff Present

Officer Robyn Douty, WPD
 Capt. Ken Ast, WFD
 Tracie Partridge, Senior Librarian
 Shawn Mellies, Engineer, Public Works
 David McGuire, Park & Rec
 Greg Olmer, Park & Rec
 Ken Evans, Strategic Communications
 Laura Rainwater, Community Rep.

Guests

Andre Anderson Jr.
 Lamont Anderson
 Greg Dalton
 Alan Kailer
 Lonny Wright

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by **JV Johnston**

Approval of March 6, 2017 Agenda: Approved 8-0

Approval of minutes from February 6, 2017: Approved 8-0

Public Agenda Items

None

Off-Agenda Items

None

Staff Reports

Fire Department Report: Capt. Ken Ast, reported.

- One fire in District V in February on Greenspoint St.: Garage fire, cause has not yet been determined. \$50,000 damage to structure and \$25,000 to contents
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to check/change the batteries in your smoke detectors

Community Police Report: Officer Robyn Douty reported.

- Residential burglaries of rental properties around 13th and Maize Rd. They are vacant homes but appliances are being taken. Don't use yard signs to advertise properties!
- Theft from vehicles in Auburn Hills and Pawnee Prairie areas. Don't leave stuff in cars!

- Patrol West will be using a federal grant to up the patrolling of distracted drives at intersections
- April 8 – Law Enforcement Parade and Block Party

Park and Recreation Department Report: David McGuire and Greg Olmer reported.

- Pracht Wetlands design is coming along
- Crystal Prairie Park – working with KDHE on design
- Prairie Sunset Trail – working to connect to Wichita bike trails
- Barry the Bison Club – 850+ signups
- Bunny Blast Egg Hunt at Watson Park on April 8 (ages 2-10)
- Spring Activities Guide is available online now
- Gearing up for spring and summer

Libraries Report: Tracie Partridge, Westlink Branch Senior Librarian, reported.

- Candid Conversations – Race & Ethnicity
 - ♦ March 14 – Racial Profiling at WSU Hughes Metroplex
 - ♦ April 4 – Police Panel on Racial Profiling at WSU Hughes Metroplex
- Spring Break Week Activities
 - ♦ Lizard Song at Westlink
 - ♦ Lego Create Space at Linwood
 - ♦ Captain Underpants at Evergreen
 - ♦ Plus many more activities. Check them out on the Library’s website
- March 24 – Summer Teen Volunteer Program signups begin. Westlink usually fills up on the first day of signups
- Spring Gardening Series at Rockwell and Alford branches
- New Library construction – all steel beams and most exterior walls are in place

Public Works Report: Shawn Mellies, Chief Design Engineer, Public Works, reported.

- Kellogg/235
 - ♦ Construction continues on schedule
 - ♦ Kellogg will be down to two lanes in each direction beginning in April and will last six months
 - ♦ Southbound to westbound closed until Fall 2017
 - ♦ Eastbound ramp from West Street to Kellogg to open in Fall 2017
 - ♦ West Street estimated to be complete by Fall 2017
- I-235 bridge work has resumed on the northbound bridges as well as the 25th Street bridge. No access at 25th St. to I235
- Tyler Road between Central and Maple with new signal at 2nd Street to begin summer 2017. Utility work to begin soon
- Hoover Bike Path – Zoo Blvd. to 29th St N. – working on RFP for design
- Central Park & Maize Rd. – Traffic counts collected. Possible timing changes to begin with to help alleviate congestion
- 21st St., Tyler Rd to Crestline – to be completed by end of March. Work will then begin from Tyler to Hoover
- 2017 Outsourced Pavement Preservation Program (OP3) goes before Council tomorrow (March 7)

Action Taken: Motion made to receive and file all staff reports. Passed 8-0.

New Business

State Legislative Agenda Update: Ken Evans, Director, Strategic Communications, reported.

- Agenda updated weekly by lobbying team
- Items and positions have been adopted by Council
- Focused on local service delivery – public safety, infrastructure, quality of life
- State Legislature is currently focused on budget and education funding
- Both State and Federal Agenda are available on the City’s website

- 2016 Year in Review and a Look Ahead
- **DAB ?:** Will the Greyhound Park be reopened?
Answer: Council believes that voter's have a right to decide
- **DAB ?:** Will date/timing of local elections be changed?
Answer: At this point, the priority is that they remain non-partisan

Old Business

None

Board Agenda

Council Member Frye – City-wide updates

- New Downtown Library Tour possibility
- New golf cart proposal coming before Council tomorrow
- Lyft (similar to Uber) will begin at the airport soon
- Construction maintenance to begin on 119th from Maple to Central

Alissa Unruh – March 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Delano – Parade and celebration begin at noon

Barby Jobe – 6th Annual Run 2 Believe 5K in Maize on March 25 in honor of Barby's daughter, Kylie Jobe, and her boyfriend, Kyle Thornburg, who were killed by a drunk driver six years ago. This run is to honor Kylie and Kyle, but it is also to remind everyone to make responsible decisions in their lives. PLEASE, don't drink and drive.

Jill Kerschen – Housing grants committee – Meetings complete on federal funding allocations. Great experience

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next District V Advisory Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 3, 2017**, at Fire Station #21, located at 2110 N. 135th St W., Wichita, KS 67235.